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**VIA ELECTRONIC/U.S. MAIL**

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**Re: Public Record Request BEH-2019-273**

Dear Ms. Kant:

This letter is in regards to the above referenced public record request received by the Department of Public Health (DPH), Bureau of Environmental Health (BEH) on October 29, 2019. This request has been assigned a tracking number: **BEH-2019-273**. Specifically, you requested:

Any email communication regarding sanitary, water and health concerns at South Bay Detention Center at 20 Bradston Street, that includes all employees of the Departments of Public Health and Environmental Protection between 2017 and present (2019). I also request any corrective plan and efforts made as a result of community sanitation inspection reports dated April 3, 2019...and April 12, 2018...and November 5, 2018.

We have interpreted this as a request for documents related to the Suffolk County House of Corrections, also known as the South Bay Detention Center, located at 20 Bradston Street, Boston, MA 02118 from January, 2017 to the date of your request, October 29, 2019.

Enclosed are 152 pages of records from DPH/BEH Community Sanitation Program (CSP) that may be responsive to your request, the production of which completes DPH's response to your request. DPH has not withheld or redacted any documents from this response. The records provided are described below.

- CSP emails related to the request
- DPH Inspection report of Suffolk County House of Correction, Boston, MA dated 4/12/18
- Suffolk County Sheriff's Department Plan of Action cover letters dated 5/21/18, 11/29/18, and 4/23/19
- Replies to Sheriff Tompkins regarding Plans of Correction prepared in response to DPH inspections of 3/26/18, 3/27/18, and 3/28/18; 10/18/18, 10/19/18, and 10/22/18; and 3/19/19, 3/20/19, 3/21/19.

You may also wish to submit a public records request to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) by visiting <https://www.mass.gov/forms/massdep-public-records-request-form> or contacting:

Chris Voss, Records Access Officer  
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DPH reserves the right to retrieve any exempted, privileged, or otherwise protected materials inadvertently included in this production. Any such production is not, and shall not be considered or deemed, a waiver of any applicable privileges or protections from disclosure.

DPH now considers this public records request closed. If you wish to challenge this response, and your request was received in writing, you may appeal to the Supervisor of Records following the procedure set forth in 950 CMR 32.08, a copy of which is attached. Pursuant to G.L. c. 66, § 10A, you may also seek judicial review by commencing a civil action in Suffolk Superior Court.

Please contact Ann Scales, Director of Media Relations in our Communications Office at (617) 624-5253 with any questions. In any communication regarding this request, please reference the assigned tracking number: **BEH-2019-273**.

Sincerely,

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